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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR TRAVEL TO
BARBADOS

REF: STATE 038393

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown warmly welcomes and grants country clearance for Project Developers Inc, (sub-contractors of Stronghold Engineering) personnel Jose ¶D. Escobar, Jorge E. Villa, Alan C. Biddle, Brian W. Colson, Billy S. Crutchfield, Michael T. Dahl, Tiran L. Moats, Michael L. Reese, Lacy Branch, Thomas L. Schelhorn and Robert V. Steel. The purpose of this trip is to assist with the construction operations on the new embassy compound during the period March - September 2006. Please be informed that safety shoes are required to gain access to the site.

¶2. Hotel accommodations and transportation will be arranged by Stronghold Engineering Inc.

¶3. Entry requirements: Valid passport should be used by all travelers on USG official business. No visa is required. For further information, travelers may contact the Embassy of Barbados, 2144 Wyoming Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20008, telephone 1-202-939-9200.

¶4. P O C is OBO Project Director, Jorge Vazquez
Tel.1-246-427-6819, Cel. 1-246-243-3335 Fax.1-246-427-¶6826.

¶5. Departure tax for Barbados is \$25.00 BDS or \$15.00USD.

¶6. The following is general information pertaining to security and health considerations throughout the Eastern Caribbean:

Security

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes if possible.

Health Information

Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens

should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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